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Clean Air Act Section 111(d) Plan for Coal-Fired Electrical Steam Generating Units
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Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that a Section 111(d) plan is proposed for coal-fired electrical steam generating units (EGUs) in Louisiana to comply with provisions of the federal Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR).

Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and provisions of the CAMR as published in the *Federal Register* at 70 FR 28606-28700 (May 18, 2005) require states to submit to EPA a plan to reduce mercury emissions from coal-fired EGUs. EPA published a model rule (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart HHHH, *Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Coal-Fired Electric Steam Generating Units*) on May 18, 2005, to assist the states. The department proposed a rule (AQ257ft) in the *Louisiana Register* on May 20, 2006, to incorporate the federal rules by reference, and made substantive changes to the proposal (AQ257ftS) on July 20, 2006, to mirror subsequent changes in the originally-promulgated federal rule. The published EPA model rule forms the basis for the Section 111(d) plan.

The EPA model rule establishes mercury limits from new and existing coal-fired EGUs and creates a market based cap-and-trade program that will reduce EGU emissions of mercury in two separate phases, in the years 2010 and 2018. Each state receives a mercury budget for each year. Louisiana's budget is 0.601 tons of mercury for years 2010-2017 and 0.237 tons of mercury thereafter. The proposed initial mercury allowances are included in the plan. The public comment period for the proposed Section 111(d) plan begins on August 20, 2006, and ends on September 26, 2006.

The public hearing for this plan will be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 26, 2006, in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the Section 111(d) plan. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact James Orgeron at the address given below or at (225) 219-3578. Parking in the Galvez Garage is free with a validated parking ticket.

Written comments must be received no later than September 26, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to James Orgeron, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314, or to FAX (225) 219-3582, or by email to james.orgeron@la.gov. The Section 111(d) plan is available on the Internet at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2381/Default.aspx>. A copy can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of the coal-fired EGU Section 111(d) plan.

A copy of the plan, minus the appendices, may be viewed at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 645 N. Lotus Drive, Suite C, Mandeville, LA 70471.

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